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Dear Sir or Madam:

The PCT has conducted a prior art search of a PCT application corresponding to U.S. Serial No. 09/872,441. The following prior art references have been found in the PCT search and copies are enclosed:

PATENT NO.	TITLE DATE OF PATENT	INVENTOR
5,396,074	Irradiation System Utilizing Conveyor- Transported Article Carriers - 03/07/95	Peck, et al.
4,983,849	Apparatus and Method for Promoting Uniform Dosage of Ionizing Radiation in Targets - 01/08/91	Thompson, et al.

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PATENT NO.	TITLE DATE OF PATENT	INVENTOR
PCT/US99/13437	Article Irradiation System Having Intermediate Wall of Radiation Shielding Material Within Loop of a Conveyor System that Transports the Articles - 06/15/99	Williams, et al.
PCT/US00/40971	Article Irradiation System in Which Article Transporting Conveyor is Closely Encompassed by Shielding Material - 09/21/00	Williams, et al.
PCT/US00/18082	System for, and Method of, Irradiating Articles to Sterilize the Articles - 06/28/00	Allen, et al.

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